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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 1717552
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If applicable, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/581989
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/AT 2004/000419	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE November 30, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED December 10, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION Method for Removal of Material Mined Underground and Device for Carrying Out Said Method		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US GROSS, Thomas		
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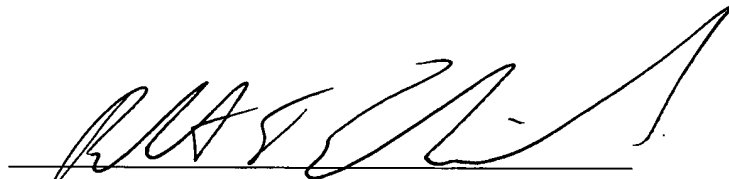
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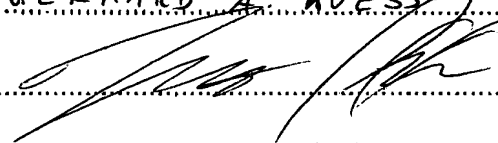
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